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Progress on VMBIP

In the next few days, VFC Providers will be receiving a mailed packet of information from the Indiana State Department of Health's Immunization Program that describes the VMBIP Process.

Included in the packet is a **Vaccine Shipping Instruction Form** (on green paper) that confirms each facility's delivery instructions. It is important that the completed form be faxed back to the Immunization Program by the close of business on **Friday, May 4, 2007**.

Also, in the packet is a copy of each facility's specific vaccine order form. Each facility's order form has been revised to include the assigned order cycle. Under the VMBIP system VFC Providers have been assigned an order cycle based on the volume of past vaccine orders. The assigned order cycle consists of monthly, bi-monthly, or quarterly.

ALL Indiana VFC Providers will continue to order monthly through the month of June, 2007.

Beginning with the July, 2007 vaccine order, all Indiana VFC Providers will order according to their assigned order cycle. As stated earlier, in the next few days each facility will receive a revised vaccine order form that indicates the assigned order cycle in the upper right hand corner.

Beginning immediately all VFC Provider vaccine orders should be faxed to the Indiana State Department of Health Immunization Program via fax between the 1st – 10th day of each month.

Basically, the vaccine ordering **process** for Indiana VFC Providers will NOT significantly change. The most obvious change will be the assigned order cycle that goes into effect in July 2007. **Once a facility is made aware of the assigned order cycle they will need to determine the facility's need per the assigned order cycle and the appropriate vaccine storage capacity.**

Vaccine orders will be processed by the Immunization Program staff based on the historical data of doses shipped for all VFC providers.

We appreciate your support during this national inventory transition. The Indiana Immunization Program is looking forward to the VMBIP system that will improve our current vaccine management process and provide consistent and reliable vaccine availability.

(The following information is being repeated for the benefit of all VFC Providers)

Reporting of Immunizations and HIPAA (*Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996*)

There have been some questions in regard to the ability to share individual immunization data ("immunization records") with schools and public health authorities because of privacy concerns related to HIPAA regulations.

HIPAA Section 164.512 (b) permits a covered entity to disclose protected health information for the public health activities and purposes described below:

(i) A public health authority that is authorized by law to collect or receive such information for the purpose of preventing or controlling disease, injury, or disability, including but not limited to, the reporting of disease, injury, vital events such as birth or death and the conduct of public health surveillance, public health investigations, and public health interventions...

Sharing individual immunization data with child care centers and schools is required by state law as written in Indiana law IC 12-72.2-3.5-11.1 and IC 20-8.1-7-9.5. This is one aspect of ongoing public health surveillance for vaccine preventable diseases. Educational institutions and the Indiana State Department of Health maintain confidentiality for information that is provided through this type of reporting.

In addition, IC 16-38-5-1, amended in 2003, denotes the ability of a health care provider to submit immunization data to the (state) immunization registry. The Children and Hoosiers Immunization Registry Program (CHIRP) is a secure, password-protected, Internet-based immunization registry that also allows for sharing of immunization information with schools and child care centers who request view-only access.

If you have questions or comments, please submit them to Immunize@isdh.in.gov.

2007-2008 School Year
Indiana State Department of Health
Current School Immunization Requirements

Quick Reference

	K	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
DTaP/DTP/DT/Td	5♦	5♦	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Polio	4■	4■	4■	4■	4■	4■	4	3	3	3	3	3	3
Measles	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Mumps	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Rubella	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Hepatitis B	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3■	3	3	3■
Varicella	1●	1●	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

♦ Four doses of DTaP/DTP/DT are acceptable if the fourth dose was administered on or after the child's fourth birthday.

▪ **If any combination of IPV or OPV was used 4 doses are required regardless of age when administered, 4 doses of all IPV or OPV are a complete series or three doses of all OPV or all IPV are acceptable if the third dose was administered on or after the child's fourth birthday.**

● **Parental history of chickenpox is acceptable** as proof of immunity (no vaccine needed). A written statement from the parent/guardian indicating dates of disease and signed is all the documentation needed. Documentation by a physician is not necessary.

■ The 2-dose adolescent Hepatitis B vaccine is acceptable if properly documented. See pp 224-225 of Epidemiology and Prevention of Vaccine-Preventable Diseases (The Pink Book), 10th ed., Public Health Foundation.

